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SUBJECT: GRAHAM WILLIAMS TDY

1. WILLIAMS ARRIVES KINGSTON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 BWIA FLIGHT 401 AT 1620 HOURS. DEPARTURE IS THURSDAY FEBRUARY 14 AT 1415 HOURS.

2. PURPOSE IS TO DESCRIBE TO GOJ OFFICIALS THE PROPOSED AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND TO OBTAIN THEIR SUGGESTIONS AND CONSENT. PROGRAM INVOLVES THREE AMERICAN GROUPS: OPIC, THE NON-PROFIT AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL, AND THE LATIN AMERICAN AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORP, AN ADELA-TYPE SMALL SCALE INVESTMENT GROUP OWNED BY ADELA AND FOURTEEN PROMINENT U.S. FOOD SECTOR FIRMS. THE PROPOSED EVENTS ARE:

A. AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL FORUM IN NEW YORK TO WHICH ARE INVITED 30-40 EXECUTIVES FROM U.S. FIRMS TO MEET, HEAR FROM AND HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH A PROMINENT GOJ MINISTER. THIS IS PLANNED FOR MID-MARCH.

B. AGRIBUSINESS MISSION OF SELECTED U.S. EXECUTIVES OF 5-6 FIRMS TO JAMAICA TO MAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF THE JOINT

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VENTURE FEASIBILITY OF 5-6 SPECIFIC PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES. THESE

PROJECTS WILL BE SELECTED AS A RESULT OF AN EARLY MARCH VISIT TO JAMAICA OF THE PRESIDENTS OF OPIC, LAAD, AND THE COUNCIL.

CAREFUL AND COOPERATIVE PLANNING WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF THESE EVENTS. OPIC BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT SUBSTANTIAL TECHNICAL AND ADEQUATE FINANCIAL RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE.

3. AMBASSADOR FLETCHER SUGGESTS THAT EMBASSY KINGSTON ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE 45 MINUTE APPOINTMENTS WITH FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS AS EMBASSY DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

A. MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY: PATTERSON

B. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: MUNN, LEAKY OR DYER

C. MINISTRY OF STATE: BLAKE OR BRICE

D. JIDC: WAINWRIGHT

E. ADC: MILLER

4. PLEASE RESERVE SINGLE FOR TWO NIGHTS AND LEAVE WORD BWIA DESK AT AIRPORT. WILLIAMS WILL COME TO EMBASSY FIRST THING WEDNESDAY UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE. KISSINGER

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